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Teachery vlog for photo-ops on the driveway of the Sarangani Capitol before galloping to their villages on their horses donated by the United Nations Children's Fund.



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'Pony cavalry' rides to cheer 'lumad' kids

By Jennie Budilla
Inquirer Mindanao

ALABAL, Sarangani—The children of Isanagay Kilan will now be able to learn their lessons straight from the horse's back.
Mila Labanan said fellow women belonging to the group "supervised neighborhood play" (SNP), used to spend up-to-one hour each day taking to teach the community where they are assigned to teach basic ed-

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GMA fit to leave hospital

Her lawyers now seeking house arrest



GMA'S DOCTORS Former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's doctors—(from left) Roberto Hirsani, Joliet Guezo-Cervantes and Maria Ver—leave the courtroom after the hearing on Friday in Pasig City. Arroyo, who risks losing the country on medical grounds while the government scrambled to file charges against her, is well enough to leave the hospital where she was arrested last week, according to her doctors.

By Mike Morales
and Jerome Aning

AFTER ONE of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's physicians affirmed in open court that she was "medically fit," prosecutors asked that she be detained at any government facility, "preferably the Southern Police District."

Arroyo's lawyers attempted to block her doctors from testifying at yesterday's hearing at Pasig City Regional Trial Court Branch 132 and proposed her house arrest, withdrawing an earlier plea for her continued detention at St. Luke's Medical Center in Taguig City.
Lead defense counsel Jose Placencia admitted that his client, who has a

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WHAT'S IN IT for Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo? Continued hospital arrest in a government military hospital or house arrest?

Bautistas exchanged heated text messages

By Mike Morales

TWO DAYS before he was killed in his bedroom, Bangen Bautista and his sister Ms. Eugenia "Gail" Bautista-Purayana exchanged heated text messages that offer a glimpse into the disturbed state of a family fractured by former Sen. Ramon Romulo Jr.

The monthly allowances provided by the father, also a former movie actor/producer, was insufficient for the nine siblings and their mother Genarosa Magpayaso, so much so that the household's basic needs were not being met, according to the text messages between Bangen and Gail.

The document obtained a print-out of the text messages in Filipino, as recovered from Bangen's mobile phone, as well as copies of the testimonies of witnesses and some of the murder suspects. (See text message on Page A13.)

What emerged from the document was that money issues strained the relations among Bangen (the eldest of the siblings), Gail, and another sister, BAUTISTA: A1

P-Noy says Cojuangco kin must obey SC order

Collective or individual ownership? Debate starts

By Christine O. Avendaño,
Gil C. Cokasangin Jr.
and Joseph K. Uy

PRESIDENT Aquino yesterday said his family, which will have to give up the soon-to-be-rehabilitated Hacienda Luisita, should be given just compensation, stressing that agrarian reform calls for both farmers and landowners to share the benefits of the land.

The President—who had not seen a copy of the Supreme Court decision en-

dering the breaking up of the family-owned sugar estate because he had "never pressing matters before my plate right now"—said responses in Legaspi City he was "not competent" to make any statement yet on the landmark decision.

Asked if he would advise his Cojuangco relatives, the Hacienda Luisita owners, to comply with the Supreme Court order, Mr. Aquino said, "I'm complying when the Supreme Court makes an order. That should be the

case. They decide on a question of law, there should be compliance. I don't think that's optional."
But in answer to many questions on his reaction to the adverse high court decision, Mr. Aquino stressed that agrarian reform seeks to achieve two things—to "empower the farmers" but also to ensure that landowners are "justly compensated" for giving up their lands.

Farmers need to be empowered to

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A PREVIOUS aside to their own little plot of land or collective ownership and cultivation of a vast estate with other farmers?

The victorious farmers in the Tacloban major estate owned by the Cojuangco clan of President Aquino were yesterday in the thick of discussions on whether to pursue individual or collective ownership of the land they have won in a court action.

According to a source within the farmers are leaning towards collective ownership as this would ensure that the land would be preserved and cultivated.

COLLECTIVE: A18

Pacman victory bash on the House at casino



By Gil C. Cokasangin Jr.

THE HOUSE of Representatives will hold a "second session"—actually an exclusive victory bash for Congressmen and boxing icon Manny Pacquiao—on Monday at his supposedly favorite Philippine casino.

"All men are mortal and must die as we all go," according to one southern Philippine lawmaker, who requested anonymity because he was

PACMAN: A1

Int'l designers bewail snub by Mar Roxas of Naia 1 plan

By Paolo G. Montolio

THE COUNTRY needs an airport that looks well and not one that just looks rich, the government said yesterday, in a caveat to a group of international designers who will meet next week they had poured into a proposal to redesign the Naia Airport International Airport (Naia) Terminal 1 had gone to waste.

World famous furniture designer Kenneth Cokosing, interior designer Billy Leung and architect Regal Ruelas said they were contracted by the government earlier this year to come up with a new design for the

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"We're willing to let the past just go. We just want to know what happened. We already wasted eight months of our time and we don't want to waste any more of it," he said.

All we want is what the rest of the country wants, a free airport," he said.

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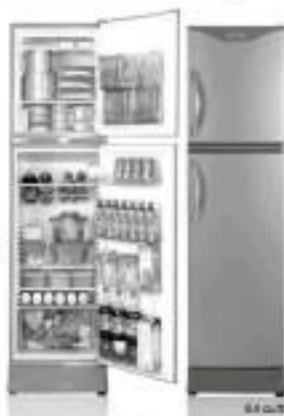
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Sex workers find there's life after GIs, bases

By Sonnet Orjio
and Robert Gonzaga
Inquirer Correspondents

(Davao City press)

DAVAO CITY (INQUIRER)—After Balabalan didn't say goodbye, she got out of prison as the last American troops left this former US naval base on Nov. 24, 1992.

"That I was happy they left because I knew that without the American soldiers, my life would be better," she said.

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"When we were sad, which was understandable because (Balabalan) was the main source of income of the people in (Davao City)," she said.

But they knew that their life was better after the bases. Some for workers, she said, learned sewing and made jobs in garment factories at the naval base-turned port.

In Balabalan's development, however, the military base of Subic Bay didn't disappear. Since 1999, US warships and troops freely come and go on short periods for war games.

The Visiting Forces Agreement allows.

While there is no land activity in the low beach point in Davao City, it is during military exercises when protesters arrive to protest against the presence of the US military.

Conceding Subic Bay Naval Base

in Zamboanga and Tacloban, Clark Air Base in Pampanga and the Naval Air Station in Manila. Camp John Hay in Baguio City, Balabalan Air Station in La Union and three other stations in Cavite and Lamon had been closed.

One was economic, the other military.

Former Sen. Wigberto Dantes, one of 22 senators who voted to end the 1947 Philippine-US Military Bases Agreement in 1991, said Philippine was hoping the economic benefits of bases.

"It is important to know, however, that the bases have ... are being used for war exercises," said Dantes, author of the resolution. The 1991 vote ended the 44-year-old relationship with the US.

But the US military, Congress and the US Navy have been heavily involved in the US in 1991.

The use of the bases for civil use program was passed by the decision of the US Navy. The US Navy got back 14,000 hectares from 228,000 ha in 20 years that the US had occupied since 1903.

But more disaster from the June 2001 eruption of Mt. Pinatubo, or the displacement of over a million residents, caused the US to return to back.

"We had lost, however, they relied on the US for their income and many more. We understand, of course, but the decision was based on national sovereignty, security and interest," Dantes said.

Proof that civilians born-born Philippine lives on when the bases had returned.

The economic impact of the



THE AREA in Subic Bay is to be left intact in Philippine when Americans end the bases.

AP/WIDEWORLD

from US Ambassador Nicholas Platt, that "foreign investment would dry up and economy would collapse if the US bases would be closed."

Nothing of this sort took place although people in General Linao, the head of Clark and Subic, had difficulty convincing the bases and labor unions, said Angeleno City Mayor Eduardo Torres, a former labor lawyer

who represented base workers.

The later created the Subic Bay Development Council (SBDC), which tried to harmonize the development of the free zones.

Conceding the US bases was not their end and another from the US Navy. The US Navy had been the mainstay of the US Navy since 1903.

When the Philippines had

a University of the Philippines Subic Bay Study Republic Act No. 7037 (Open Convention and Development Act of 1992) and the Central Luzon Development Program.

"The US Navy's decision delayed the economic process in Clark by 10 years," Torres said.

"Clark was really damaged. There was practically nothing left. Everything was taken out,

and," said former Philippine Secretary Jose de Jesus, who was part of the team that secured the condition of when was then the largest US off-shore military base.

Learning to build support at it was created by then Davao City Mayor Richard Gordon and an army of 6,000 soldiers.

(Inquirer Staff, Clark struggle without US base)

Mayor accuses police officer of involvement in illegal mining

MANILA CITY—It is Zamboanga del Sur mayor who has issued a warning police officer in mining operations in illegal mining operations in the hinterland of Zamboanga.

Challenging Mayor Francisco Rodriguez, Jr. accused Chief Insp. Francisco Jimenez, Jr., deputy chief of the Criminal Investigation

Unit and Detention Group (DIG) in Military Division of involvement in illegal mining of the officer himself, according to a case filed in court. He filed to court on Nov. 28.

Francis, according to the mayor, went to see him on Nov. 18 and suggested the officer release

of the truck and to land.

"He appeared with his wife and carried up the seized cargo as if it were a normal case," Mayor Francisco said.

Francis said the truck was seized by police on Nov. 18 and suggested the officer release

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He said it was his wife, Francis, who actually involved in buying, selling and making money.

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MEMBERS of different cities, among them Emilio Llaneta (far left), Oscar Rodriguez of the City of San Francisco in Pampanga and Mayor Francisco Rodriguez, Jr. (far right) pose with the Italian Consul General in Davao City, Italy, during the Philippine Cities Global Convention held by the League of Cities of the Philippines.

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Italian envoy sees more trade, tourism with PH

By Carlo P. Gomez
Inquirer Staff

MANILA CITY—Italian Ambassador to the Philippines, Luigi Preturo, on Thursday said he was exploring more trade between his country and the Philippines, as well as the tourism potential of the province.

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Bustamante clashes with Peach tonight

By Mary Anthony Reyes

UNDER the head-to-head rivalry, Filipino tennis players hope to find a winner in Peach. Bustamante tonight takes on India's former world champion Irfan Pathan in yet another Philippine Open match. Bustamante is the 10th seed in the tournament, while Pathan is the 11th seed.

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have to win this time," said Bustamante, who is a former world 10th seed. Peach, who is a former world 10th seed, is a former world 10th seed.

"I'm looking for another impressive performance on Saturday," said the 20-year-old Peach, who has been ranked 10th in the world.

Tsonga boots out Nadal

LONDON — Rafael Nadal bowed out of the ATP World Tour Finals on Thursday, and for the second time in 48 hours, the Spaniard had no winners against an inspired opponent, this time in the inspiring form of French powerhouse Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

While Nadal's defeat was a surprise, Tsonga's 6-7, 4-6, 6-3 victory was a triumph. It was a triumph because of heavy rain that eventually ended the match.

has only made the final once, losing to Federer in the 2007 Australian Open.

The next French player to win the prize was in the 10th round of the tournament, when he defeated past champion Andre Agassi in three sets.

"I didn't play well tonight," the 25-year-old, who is now ranked 10th in the world, said after the match. "I was not in the best of form, but I didn't play well, and I didn't play well."

Australian Open final in 2008, when he lost to Federer.

"I was looking at this and I thought, 'Wow! I've lost a lot of energy and I was missing some things, but I was not in the best of form,'" Tsonga said.

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JO-WILFRED Tsonga celebrates beating Rafael Nadal.

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DOTC orders cancellation of franchises of bus firms that went on strike

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THE DEPARTMENT of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) has ordered the immediate cancellation and suspension for six months of the franchise of several bus companies that joined a conspiracy to fix in November last year.

This means scores of business, blended with those companies will be off more, mostly really

starting Saturday. If their reports don't comply with the code.

The GPOC order upholds a previous decision by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to "immediately cease" cancelling the operations of 111 buses of Philippine Consolidated Lines and 128 buses of Joll Transport, two of the country's biggest bus operators.

Shangri Express Group, with 11 buses confined to the garage, and Angelina Cheng-Gloria Lim, with 28 buses.

"When I hear those who are the least privileged in our society most of whom depend on public transport to be able to go to work," said LITWA Chair James Smith.

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safely until no more, while expediting the least possible in return.²

The DOSC decision is in line with the government's policy of punishing workers who have organized many companies and changed business operations in China. Meanwhile, the

The bus strike was a protest of the government's move to include public utilities buses in the Sterns' struggle.

members reading volume

The DOTC said it had advised the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the Urban Manila Development Authority (UMDA) to implement the order and approved loans starting this year.

The OTC said the potential buyers belong to the first batch

of companies that have organized orders. Included in the fourth were IS Transport, Newco Transport, Filinvest Palace, Hotel Royal Cebu Inc. Inc., City Bus Inc., Philippine Bus Lines, Newmans Goldlines, Rainbow Express, Agriana Lucky Seven Team, Legitim Star Bus Team, potation System, with today's My Transport, Manganese Line VII 2000, Margarita Potation, Action Marine and Legitim Bus.

Tycoon charged for bad checks

Re Ingeborg L. Lindström

A LENDING firm filed criminal charges in the Manila City's Prosecutor's Office yesterday against investments tycoon and plastics king William Gatchalian, father of Valenzuela City Mayor Sherwin Gatchalian, for allegedly issuing P26 million in bad checks to settle a loan eight years ago.

Reserve Landing Corp. (formerly Gold mine landing Corp.), represented by its vice president for operations Jose Botas, charged Ditchback, Welton Group chairman, with eight counts for violating Texas Fisheries Reg. 22, as the breaching checks law, for eight prohibited checks he allegedly issued from April 1985 to July 2000.

Encashed
In the complaint, Ruzsa alleged that from April to July 2005, Gershkovich negotiated and encashed eight Equitable PC Bank postdated checks with amounts ranging from \$2 million to \$7 million with the bank's vice president.

The complaint, dated a May 17, 2003, letter allegedly written by Conchalet stating that he had been provided checks to write a \$1.4 million loan from the company which was due on April 16, 2003.

Revised
The letter until the payment schedule for the loan had been revised because of "the delay of Pagar (Philippine American Cement and Trading Corporation) in the completion of the payment for the amended lease agreement not executed with them."

"Congratulate" demanded from respondents (Gachibhatla) that the latter make good the value of the checks. However, respondents, with evident bad faith and deceit, refused to comply with such demand.¹⁴ The handling thus affected credit.

Bakus stretched a New York domestic line from the low bid of lawyer Woodfin Wignall where Garbillion was given a week to "kindly make good" the total amount of the checks totaling \$25 million.

Failure

Duchakian's alleged failure to comply with the demand prompted the filing of the charges against him, with the complainant citing provisions of Article 171 of the United Penal Code (murder) and 60 Wg. 22 and alleging that eight counts of the proper offense be filed in court against the defendant.

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Egypt military rejects calls to leave power

CAIRO—Egyptian generals offered an unusual apology on Thursday for the killings of protesters in Tahrir Square, the iconic landmark of the country's revolution, but rejected the demonstrators' demands for an immediate end to military rule.

As riotous around the square ended after five days of intense clashes, the military also issued that performance election, scheduled for Monday, would proceed as planned.

"We will not delay elections. This is the final word," Gen. Marshall Badawy, a member of the ruling military council, said in a statement.

Maj. Gen. Mohamed el-Mohab, another council member, told the same conference that the military would not relinquish power because it is "the only way to be beyond of the trust placed in us by the people."

Egyptians were keen on the elections, he said, so on street protests.

"We will not relinquish power

because of a slogan chanting to end," he said, according to The Associated Press. "Being in power is not a blessing. It is a curse."

On what had been the first day of the confrontation near the square, Army troops in black helmets and riot shields repelled the police-led by army prosecutors—and a crowd looted an ancient bazaar behind a line of colored barbed wire to separate the protesters from the former military building, until the military moved in.

"The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces apologizes to the people and the Egyptian people for the deaths of martyrs from among Tahrir's brave men during the last 10 days of the revolution," the council said in a statement.



A general, one of the heads of the military, speaks during a press conference in Cairo's Tahrir Square on Nov. 26.

Two generals said in a statement on a Facebook page. "The revolution is not a blessing. It is a curse. It is the burden of the military and the people."

The council also said it was "deeply sorry" for the deaths of protesters and the destruction of property.

People protesting in Tahrir Square, many demanding the ouster of Field Marshal Hisham Hefni, the de facto leader and a longtime ally of the deposed former president, Hosni Mubarak.

Some protesters said the council's statement was "a step forward" but that the council should not be in charge of the country.

In Montana, legal battle over Jesus statue

HELENA—They call him the Montana Jesus, a statue of Jesus Christ, draped in a baby-blue robe and giving out the rosary. He's been in Montana since 1964, but now he's in a legal battle over his future.

He has been there for more than 45 years, erected by the local Knights of Columbus chapter in Helena. The statue is the only one of its kind in Montana. It was erected by the local Knights of Columbus chapter in Helena.

One of the group says that, as the statue of Jesus Christ, it is in violation of the state's public lands laws. The group is asking the state to remove the statue from the public lands.

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WORLD BRIEFS

2nd Mayan reference to 2012 apocalypse
MEXICO CITY—Mayan's ancient prophecy predicts that the world will end in 2012, but on Thursday it was reported that a second reference to the end of the world was found in a Mayan manuscript. The manuscript is the only one of its kind in the world.

6 Afghan children killed in Nato air strike
KABUL—Six Afghan children were killed in a Nato air strike on Thursday. The strike was carried out by a Nato aircraft. The strike was carried out by a Nato aircraft.

Arab League warns Syria of sanctions deadline
BEIRUT—The Arab League has warned Syria that it must accept the league's demands for reform or face sanctions. The league has warned Syria that it must accept the league's demands for reform or face sanctions.

16 bodies dumped in mass slaying in Guadalajara
GUADALAJARA, MEXICO—The bodies of 16 people were found dumped in a mass slaying in Guadalajara. The bodies were found dumped in a mass slaying in Guadalajara.

Saleh loyalists blamed for death of 5 protesters

ADEN, YEMEN—A day after President Ali Abdullah Saleh's forces launched a new offensive in Aden, five protesters were killed. The protesters were killed by the forces of the president.

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PH imports climbed 11.7% in September

By Pia T. Ochoaño

PHILIPPINE imports climbed 11.7 percent year-on-year in September—the fastest growth in five months, according to government data released yesterday.

According to the National Statistics Office, the country's imports for September 2012 reached an estimated \$3.134 billion—up from the \$4.597 billion

Trade deficit in 1st 9 months reach \$8.36B

last seen in the same month last year.

Taking into account the \$3.9 billion in exports reported for the month of September, there was a trade deficit of \$1.29 billion.

September's figures brought the deficit for the first nine months of the year to \$8.36 billion, the NSO data showed.

Economics CGA 3, James of the University of Asia and the Pacific said the figures showed

further recovery since May last year when it still experienced some growth but economic growth was not sustained.

Looking ahead, "the Christmas season and related spending are the only positive events that I see," Treñas said when asked if a surge in imports could be expected in coming months, both for local demand and the exports.

Month-on-month, imports improved 4.3 percent from

\$4,923 billion in August, the NSO reported.

Payments for electronics, which topped imports, fell 11.8 percent to \$1.445 billion in September from the \$1.622 billion reported last year.

Transportation, which dominated electronics imports, contracted 18.5 percent to \$1.092 billion in September 2011 from \$1.314 billion a year.

The annual growth rate for

September was the highest since May, the NSO said. Imports posted double-digit annual growth from January to April, but dipped to 5.6 percent in May before rebounding to 10.9 percent in June at 6.6 percent.

Spice from electronics, the Philippines' top imports for September included Auto (PPhP 17 million, up 27 percent year-on-year), transport equipment (PPhP 1.1 million, up 34.4 percent), industrial machinery and equipment (PPhP 1.47 million, up 9.9 percent).

Inflation in Nov. seen to fall within target range

By Michael K. Nolas

THE PHILIPPINE INQUIRER's survey of Philippine inflation forecasts for November is still within the range of 4.3 to 5.4 percent, adding this is still within levels supportive of economic growth.

Central bank officials said that the fall in electricity charges and supply problems for some food items due to typhoons that came in the previous month drove up consumer prices for November.

In the event, the BSP forecast holds steady, the figures show. It will put average inflation for the first 11 months of the year at 4.8 to 5.9 percent.

This range is still within the government's cap of between 3 and 5 percent for the year.

The central bank said inflation below 5 percent is manageable and supportive of efforts to accelerate growth of the economy.

Design inflation, however, is expected to speed more while consumer goods tend to

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Market bounces back

THE BAHAMAS stock index ended the week on a positive note, adding a seven-day climb, in the face of selective foreign buying even amid lingering debt problems in Europe.

The main index, the Bahamas Stock Exchange index, ended

20.46 points, or 0.58 percent, to finish at 4,281.88.

The day's trading was led by the banking and technology sectors, which rose by 1.8 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively. The industrial and services

Naia holds up to US scrutiny

By Pia T. Ochoaño

THE NAIA Airport International Terminal (Naia) may be one of the world's most airports, but passengers passing through the aging Manila facility will not find that their safety is guaranteed by the government yesterday said.

In a statement, the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) and Naia recently passed with flying colors a safety audit conducted by the US Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

"Despite a few specific instances where the TSA found areas for improvement, the Philippines was found to be in general satisfactory condition by the TSA," DOTC Secretary Manuel Domagala said.

"The favorable result of TSA inspection shows that our initial efforts to make improvements in our airport security have been successful. We are further committed to accelerating these improvements in being helpful in our local and international passengers and visitors."

The TSA Annual Security Assessment (ASA) was conducted from Nov. 14 to 18. Naia and the TSA determined that the country's premier airport complied with International Civil Aviation Organization's safety standards for airports.

Score for security ASA, the DOTC has undertaken programs to ensure strict compliance with security checks, display latest airport personnel and efficient security risk

during the airport perimeter. These said the TSA did identify areas that would need improvement, such as the installation of more closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras for better surveillance.

Naia approved the MIA purchase of additional CCTV cameras to be installed in critical areas, as well as the acquisition of more patrol vehicles.

The TSA's ASA inspection was conducted by a 35-member team led by Robert Hill.

The TSA covered steps 2: screening and access controls, security programs, quality control, emergency and emergency plans, cargo security personnel and terminal access control systems, as well as passenger

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BUSINESS

Factory output growth slowed in Sept., NSO says

Concerns over weak global economy blamed

By Ria T. Ochoa

The growth of the country's manufacturing output slowed to 1.2 percent year-on-year in September 2012, according to the National Statistics Office.

Manufacturing production slowed strongly with a 34.4 percent annual growth in January, then slowed to the slowest monthly to a 30.3 percent rate of annual 2 percent in April and May.

Monthly rate growth was weaker in June, but the sector grew at a faster pace of 4.7 percent in July before slowing again in August to 1.7 percent.

"The weakness reflect the continued uncertainty and sluggishness of major markets around the world and to effect on countries like the Philippines," according to NSO.

Officials of the Commerce Department, Department of Trade and Industry of the Philippines (COMTRADE) also noticed a decline in Manila City that government underpinning, coupled with uncertainty by other countries' economies such as manufacturing of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), also dampened orders.

"Although our OFWs are still employed and remittance continues to grow, they are not their beneficiaries are not spending as

much as they used to because they want to keep their savings in case projects affected by political turmoil in some countries in South Africa and the economic downturn in Europe and the United States," COMTRADE president Juan B. Chua said.

The NSO also recorded a month-on-month contraction in manufacturing output in August and September which it attributed to the dampening output of the body month output, offsetting the month-on-month increase reported by the major sectors.

Manufacturers reported an average of 302 employees in total capacity 592 units.

Slows of the 30 major sectors registered capacity utilization rates of at least 60 percent, mainly basic metals, petroleum products, food manufacturing, electrical machinery, non-metallic mineral products, paper and paper products, rubber and plastic products, other metal manufacturing, chemical products, machinery except electrical and leather products.

The proportion of establishments that operated at full capacity (70 to 100 percent) was 15.5 percent in September 2012.

About 61.1 percent of the establishments operated at 70 to 100 percent capacity while 23.6 percent of the establishments operated below 70 percent capacity.

PH seeks common biofuel standards to boost sector

By Amy R. Nolas

THE GOVERNMENT is seeking regional cooperation in harmonizing biofuel standards to boost the development and use of this alternative fuel.

This cooperation is expected to allow the Philippines to benefit from low production in other countries and drive toward green fuel for transportation to transport sector.

At the recently concluded 16th Asia-Pacific Meeting (APM) Summit, Vice President Jejomar S. Binay noted the significance of increasing the use of biofuel, as it provides "a sustainable alternative to our energy."

Binay added that the passage of the Biofuels Act in 2006 drew the country's attention to bioenergy industry with interest and more (ENR) has an important component of

biofuel.

Noted by the Departments of Foreign Affairs and Energy, the Manila conference aimed to strengthen the ASEAN member countries to further their cooperation in biofuel development, as well as highlight the call for continuing innovation to foster mutual cooperation.

According to the DOE, the two-day conference and technical seminar was aimed at creating ASEAN consensus to jointly address the barriers and issues that impede greater penetration of biofuels in their respective markets.

Notably, Manila policies and programs are closely aligned on increasing self-sufficiency in energy, improving the economic activity in the countryside, as well as pursuing a low-carbon future.

Australia seen to expand aid program to Philippines

AUSTRALIA'S development cooperation program in the Philippines is set to grow with additional focus on education, disaster risk reduction, peace and human security, and support for public-private partnerships.

"We're seeing growth in the aid program with the Philippines," Australian Ambassador to the Philippines Rod Smith said in a roundtable discussion at the Inquirer.

"We're moving to the end of our current year and we're finding a new development program."

Smith said consultations would likely take place before the end of 2012 or early 2013 with the National Economic and Development Authority and other partner agencies.

Australia's 2011-2012 official development assistance to the Philippines is about P1.3 billion.

Education will continue to be the flagship of Australia's development cooperation program with the Philippines, Smith said. Australia, through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), is the Philippines' top bilateral grant donor in basic education, contributing over P1.2 billion yearly to aid.

Australia's education programs in the Philippines include scholarships, curriculum and teaching materials development for socially disadvantaged groups (Gadugay, Muslim and indigenous peoples), school management, teacher training, and curriculum building.

Other areas of cooperation are financial and technical support for the RW Center (which helps government agencies and local governments develop public-private partnership projects), disaster risk reduction and management, health, food and economic development, infrastructure such as ferry-on-board roads, and support to the Philippine peace and development process.

With RW Australia's major trade and investment commissioner for the Philippines and Myanmar, and he was leading "opposed growth" in the education sector,

which would have "a follow-on effect" on one-time aid.

"With more exchanges in education, there will be more understanding of each other's countries, and there should be more that will matter and Australia realize—how from going to Thailand and elsewhere in a wider—coming in the Philippines to support its program. This will provide opportunities for networks," Binay said.

Since 2011, Australia assistance to the Philippines has reached about P12 billion, according to information from the Australian Embassy. Significant contributions in Philippine development efforts over this period were in the areas of basic education, training in business resource development, health, social and industry development, government, assistance to voluntary groups, infrastructure, and support to the Philippine peace and development process.

With the significant growth in the aid program in the last five years, Australia is one of the Philippines' close largest bilateral grant donors after Japan and the United States, Smith said.

Australia's official development assistance is administered primarily by AusAID and also by other agencies such as the Australian Center for International Agriculture at Research, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Goodcoast Australia, the Bureau of Meteorology, the Australian Defence Force, and the Australian Federal Police, according to information from the Australian government.

Many activities are jointly funded by both governments, involving a strong commitment to joint activities. Smith said that in selected areas, Australia also combines its efforts with other donors such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and United Nations development agencies to maximize the impact of the projects. Australia aid is also directed directly to Philippine communities through local non-government organizations.

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PROPERTY

Editor Cesar D. Mangswang



2011 ASSESSMENT

BPO demand high, top developers in construction 'frenzy'

By Tessa R. Solano

EXACTLY 35 days before 2011 ends, Ingotas Property has asked agencies to assess the performance of the Philippine real estate industry in 2011. Their anonymous reply:

- It has been a banner year for the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector.
- The mid-income condo development is in the midst of a "construction frenzy."

- The demand for space in the Makati, Bonifacio Global City and Ortigas central business districts was never higher this year compared to last year.

- The emerging growth areas like Eastwood and Bonifacio Global City have "taken" this year.

Leading global real estate services company Colliers International, which claims no research team last been tracking all the

residential subdivisions developed in Metro Manila since 2008, and that in 2010 pre-selling activities were able to sell 36,000 units, and that in 2011 that number is projected to be surpassed by more than 11 percent to breach the 40,000 units mid-year.

This was revealed by Paul Vincent Chua, executive director for valuations and advisory services and head of consultancy and research.

Top 5

"There are a lot of developers who performed well this year, however, in terms of condominium sales 2010 to 2011, Manila, JM Development Corp. remains to be number one. The top five include developers Aquila Land Inc., Century Properties, DREI and Megaworld," said Chua.

European Institute professor at the Western Graduate School of Business and senior adviser at Wong Thawatt Business Advisory, also cited Megaworld, JLL, JALCC and Philippine Land Corp. (JALCC) as the top-performing de-

velopers in 2011.

He also added that the property sector in 2011 "was single-handedly fueled by private initiatives."

Suttons also observed "improvement in the high-end condominium segment, and aggressive construction frenzy in the mid-income condo segment representing 80 percent of all residential developments in 2011."

4% vacancies

Chua said that in terms of commercial space uptake, the demand from the BPO sector is still reasonably high.

"If you look at vacancies in Makati, Bonifacio Global City and Ortigas, the average vacancy for the third quarter is now less than 4 percent compared to the same period last year, which had an average vacancy rate of more than 6 percent. Even with the addition of a number of thousand office developments in the area despite of price, we expect vacancies to remain low as the demand for these spaces are still very high."

Suttons said the industry's strength was "fueled by the vertical developments and the BPOs and the emergence of new growth centers following the success of Eastwood and BGC."

But how, Suttons asks, are developers to this year's flurry of developments? "The singular focus on the mid-income segment, and targeting other new clients," replied Suttons. He explained, however, that the property sector was just keeping up with "market demand, fueled by huge demand, especially from overseas Filipinos—students (OFWs) and investment migrants expect OFWs."

Merale booster

The positive outlook for 2012 and the strength of the Philippine real estate industry this year come as a morale booster, coming at a time when the city of Manila has recently been tagged as "Asia's least livable" by foreign investors in the Emerging Markets in Asia Pacific 2011 survey conducted by the Urban Land Institute.



THE PROPERTY sector's strength was focused on the vertical developments outside BPOs outside emergence of new growth centers.

Global real estate network, when participated in the survey, gave Manila a score of 4.54 points out of a possible 9. Topping the survey is the Asia-Pacific region star, Singapore, with a score of 5.96 points, followed by Shanghai with 5.87, Mumbai with 5.79 and Hong Kong with 5.76.

Chua remarked that the Philippines has been one of the few countries in Asia where foreign land ownership is limited to 40 percent. He urged the sector to look at the brighter side, particularly the lower rental rates compared to other Asia-Pacific countries.

He pointed out that for the all-time sector alone, with 25 Asia-Pacific cities covered by Colliers International, Manila City offers the most/lowest rent, standing at 22 cents per sq ft with an average net rent of \$21.40/square foot. The city also outscored the highest rent, Hong Kong, has an average net rent of \$182.04/square foot. Looking at the replacement ratio or prime yield of these cities, Manila ranked second with 9.77 percent, following Singapore standing with 11.6 percent.

Suttons said the low ranking was a wake-up call, and that the Real Estate Investment Trust law must soon be implemented in the country, citing Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia significantly benefiting from REITs. He added that improving REIT would open more opportunities for investors.



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By Thomas A. Hernandez

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Cruzing to victory in Macau

Chevrolet's Yvan Muller crowned 2011 WTCC Champion

Story by Adrian Ly
and photos by William Hawes

WORLD Gave what Crayon-chaser took Half 'n' the lead round of the PGA First Yearling Cup Championship (NYC) in March last Sunday, it was his momentous Yearling Miller who took this year's crown as he finished third and officially became the 2011 and back-to-back champion. Half started off as a class performer and made his way to finish first but it was not enough for him to win the crown as Miller, who started from right position from the grid and made his way to finish third, which was all the points he needed to capture the crown. It was not before all the excitement when another player, Gary

Harik, who made a heavy crash that prompted the safety car, afterwards both Chevrolet drivers made their marks, second and fifth, respectively.

After the move, Muller said, "It was a great success. The last five years I was always in the top two of the championship and that is probably the thing of which I am most proud. I have to say thank you to all the Chevrolet fans and my team mates, but most of working together to make it the best one." Chevrolet also took the year's constructor's title, edging out their GM's dominance in WRC.

Blum, 62, of 1115 N. 1st St., is Asia's oldest and most anticipated newspaper event. Now on its 20th edition, it is held each November and aside from the NPTC race, is held in the same

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the end this year, the event attracted a total of 55,000 spectators to the four-day race weekend. The 2008-2009 season will be held from November 15th to 28th 2008.



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newly developed electromechanical AMC speed assistant/speed warning system. Additional assistance systems must also raise response safety to a whole new level.

This right-cylinder powerstroke, designated internally as the M113, boasts a combination of innovative high-rpm components, in addition to a spray-guided direct-pored injection with piezo-injectors, that include a full aluminum crankcase, four-valve technology with camshaft adjustment, air/water intercooling, gaseous scavenging and drop-in water system. With a displacement of 546 l cc, the right-cylinder engine develops a peak output of 186 kW (252 hp) and consumes 200.1 g/kWh.

In comparison with the optional AMG Performance package, charging times increase to 4.12 kWh (3.07 hp) and 6.66 kWh, both values of the 6.66



MMG software (experimental profile
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for iterations 4.1 and 4.2 succeeded re-
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Acoustic classes at the individual level

Only the 1700-rpm gearmaking process of the right cylinder became simpler, no less than 700,000 of rings can be milled simultaneously at a broad range speed range from 1750 to 3000 rpm. When combined with the AMI performance machine, the delivery of

performance, but some additional improvements: some previously 900-MHz jet engines are available between 2000 and 4500 rpm. The result is often a fairly superior power delivery, which can be enjoyed in manual "M" transmissions made by specialists.

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The long road to Chesapeake

**Singer-songwriter
Rachael Yamagata
is back with a
vengeance—and
free from the
shackles of big
record labels**

By Pam Pastor
Photos by Jill
Lejano

ESCUSE me,
do you
have extra
slices?"

I looked up to see an Asian guy, his hands pressed together as if to pray, stuffing his face with food. It was a cold night and we were all standing outside the Brooklyn Baking Factory for our reunion—to see Rachael Yamagata.

"So, sorry," he said apologetically.

We had purchased our tickets a month in advance and were glad we did. On the show was the sign, "Tonight's show is SOLD OUT."

It was the sixth stop of Rachael's current 50-date tour across the US to promote her new album, *Chesapeake*.

Heart big thing

Rachael's road to *Chesapeake* was not a straight one...there are reasons it took her three years to release this effort.

Rachael's foray into music began with the Chicago folk band, *Bumpin' Steppin'*. After five years, the left to pursue her own career, performing in Chicago's club scene, singing the piano-driven ballads she had been writing for years. Rachael's emotionally charged songs drew audiences and word spread about her moving music and raw lyrics. In 2005, she released her first EP and followed it up with "Unapologetic," her full-length debut, in 2006. Both records were limited by time and critics.

The press gave Rachael a lot of attention, using phrases like "gorgeous otherworlder" and

"cool-working" to describe her and her music. She was compared to Fiona Apple and Norah Jones. She was declared "the next big thing" by numerous publications, including *Time* magazine, *Rolling Stone* and *The New York Times*. She became known as the indie girl, as the bridge between folk and pop. Her songs appeared on a number of TV shows such as "Grey's Anatomy," "One Tree Hill," "The Mentalist," "The OC," and "The Life of Jane."

She made her transition from indie to pop with her songs were used in the films "Thirteen," "In the Company of Men," and "The Runaway." She collaborated with different artists such as Jason Mraz, Tim Lincecum, Ray LaMontagne, and Steve Adams. Her music was called her most amazing moment. She had moved around the world, her remarkable songs include in *Simple* and *Simple*.

She was named *Rolling Stone* as one of the best new artists to watch in 2007, her record label dropped her. "The album...Yeah, I'm not there" because the reality of a mainstreaming in RCA and Rachael was dropped from the label.

It was with *Unapologetic* that she was finally able to re-



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Philippine comic and collectible convention at fully booked today

The Philippine Comic and Collectible Convention (PCCC) was held today at the Manila Convention Center. The event was a huge success, with over 10,000 attendees. The convention featured a variety of activities, including comic book signings, panel discussions, and a large display of collectibles.

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As the real age of the structure began to show, we began to walk slower, partly due to respect, mostly because some sections of the path were starting to crumble.

Text and photos by Kasia Vizzaro
Contributor

THIS was one thing we weren't doing for sure. We were not going to see the Great Wall sandwiched between walls selling stuffed ponies and postcards of the very thing we came to see live.

We would experience it in its prime form: old, grand, real, ideally still looking of real Minghans and marching Mandarins, invaders, conquerors and angry warlords.

We refused to see the greatest wall on earth blacked by people shuffling in large groups, wearing unadorned hats. We were determined to avoid the bustling zone, the most visited portion of the wall, at all costs, even if it is the most and most accessible way to do it. Fortunately all hotels offered a tour for about RM 200, including return. All you have to do is bring on a bus.

However we insisted it open ourselves, the next few days were spent looking in online blogs and forums, meticulously copying key locations in both English and Chinese characters. We checked out bus stations and confirmed routes via our ratty Lonely Planet guidebook.

We looked at international patch hotels in the area, certain we would spend the night somewhere near the wall.

And, wearing the day of the great Great Wall trip, my friend and I began to pack up at night.

It and I would see the Great Wall like home. According to Google, it is 12 km as we pick up and down mountain ridges both steep and sunny, some parts completely exposed to 500 m drops on both sides, mists and low parts seem not visible, middle lane and there, and deep dark parts of wind determined to blow hapless tourists off their weary feet. Of course, except for the fact about it being a real long walk, we did not know any of this just yet.

Our first point of departure was the Tangshan bus station from which we got on the bus to Chengde, which would give us a pause a few kilometers away from the destination. From there, where that point specifically was, we weren't too sure, but the knowledge about that location was enough.

We were around the large bus station, guided by a local Chinese resident of the



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My Komikon 2011 scrapbook

This year's event was different

By Oly Tan
Illustrator

KOMIKON was a blast! I was there practically the whole day. Comic conventions used to be a bit out-of-the-ordinary for me—I just came to buy a bunch of comics and books. But this time it was different. I went with a group I met through my website. The Comics Cafe (www.comicscafe.com), which has helped me find other people with similar hobbies and interests.

Comics, attendees usually have two goals—to buy comic books at discounted prices, and to meet their heroes. People did all that and more at this year's Komikon, which was held at Robinsons Center in Baguio last month.

Awards were also given out to the winners.

The Best Villainous Award went to Ted Pender and Hal Phillips (*WOLFGANG*). The Best Comic Award went to WIPCOMICS (*Black Hawk*), Edson Banaag and David Dele (*One of ICE CREAM UNCLE*), and Matt Cullen (*RAIDER*, *MIL*, and *MURDER* [New place]).

I was completely surprised that the Best Villainous Award went to Brian from *BAZON* (*BAZON*) and not someone else. But the Best Comic award went to Kops (*Bahala*) and the Best Villainous Award went to Brian from *BAZON* (*BAZON*). The Best Villainous Award went to Kops (*Bahala*) and the Best Villainous Award went to Brian from *BAZON* (*BAZON*). The Best Villainous Award went to Kops (*Bahala*) and the Best Villainous Award went to Brian from *BAZON* (*BAZON*).

It was a great day for fans of comics. I can't wait for April, Komikon!

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By Nico F. Alejo

CHRISTMAS, BUBBLÉ and Mariah Carey are inextricably entwined when you introduce a well-known hit song to suit their respective styles. But, it's hard to imagine the two working when singing each other's tunes...and improving on them. However, in his hit holiday collection, "Christmas," the Canadian crooner accomplishes exactly that.

We've never been fond of Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You," even when the

two-verse drive revived the duet's dream with Justin Bieber in the teen heartthrob's No. 1 Christmas album. But, by slowing down its groove-heavy tempo, Bublé turns the track into a dark and sophisticated love song that dips with soulful style and brings up a sparkling sentiment in the singer's breath for his listeners.

As ready as he sings from one key to another, Bublé convincingly adapts to genres as disparate as country's "White Christmas."

MICHAEL LI

By Maesa U. Torre

MAISA U. Torre says some items starting their run on TV this final quarter of 2011—Oat, what about the show that have been on the air for weeks and months, how

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are they doing? The question isn't new and ancient, because long-running series tend to change and...
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Bale talks about his costars in 'Dark Knight Rises'

LOS ANGELES—Christian Bale was in a good mood in our recent interview with him. The actor, who can be tense and very intense, was all smiles throughout our talk.

Questions related to intense were plentiful in previous interviews, but in this chat at the Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills, he was more relaxed. He recalled some details about "The Dark Knight Rises" and shared his thoughts about director Christopher Nolan and some of his costars, including Anne Hathaway (Catherine, Tom Hardy's Bruce) and Joseph Gordon-Levitt (John Blake).

The 36-year-old Golden Globe Best Supporting Actor winner has had trouble with his weight in the past, but he says that he's always been a fan of the "Dark Knight" director, Thomas Markel (who he calls "Tom"). He also shared his personal insights about working with "The Dark Knight" director, Thomas Markel (who he calls "Tom"). He also shared his personal insights about working with "The Dark Knight" director, Thomas Markel (who he calls "Tom").



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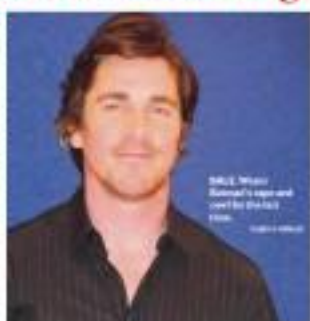
very accomplished actress who had read for the role. He recalls the audition, in which he was asked to read a scene with Anne Hathaway. He was nervous, but he was also excited. He recalls the audition, in which he was asked to read a scene with Anne Hathaway. He was nervous, but he was also excited. He recalls the audition, in which he was asked to read a scene with Anne Hathaway. He was nervous, but he was also excited.

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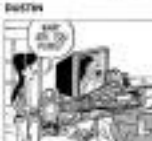
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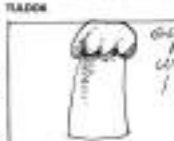
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Shangri-La Plaza is Forever Young at 20

Since Shangri-La Plaza first opened its doors to the public 20 years ago, it pioneered an impressive lifestyle mix, creating a distinct culture within the mall and promoting a well-rounded experience ripe with timeless luxuries and endless pleasures that keep mall guests coming back for more through all these years.

The Shang Trademark: Timeless Luxuries, Endless Pleasures

Stores a trademark, Shangri-La Plaza established itself as a premier lifestyle hub early on. Flanking trend and staying stayed in its changing look of the Filipino mall-going public, the Shang proved to stay much from the very start, showcasing high-end stores in international fashion alongside the most popular brands in the market.

The mall went on to introduce such an exciting, sophisticated environment that has well to the Shang, as it laid the groundwork for further innovation and defined the signature experience the mall would have in the coming years.

20 years on, the Shang has impressively maintained and continued to introduce offering of diverse lifestyle pleasures, finely keeping its finger on the pulse of today's dynamic consumers who seek variety that would continuously address their every need, want or wish.

But it doesn't stop there. Keeping in mind that the mall landscape and the changing needs of consumers will continue to evolve, the Shang continues to evolve with and stay relevant to the times, introducing a continuous platform of concepts, trends and experiences making it



a vibrant, dynamic and forever young destination of the discerning consumer.

Classic Shang Experiences

The Shang proudly boasts of an experience like no other, making every visit to the mall an unforgettable one. Unique to the mall are its clearly laid-out merchandise zones, which cater to its diverse local consumer base, which cater to the needs and preferences of mall guests.

Shang's distinctive architecture also makes it one of the city's most recognizable landmarks, with its innovative

structure and design that further the modern yet relaxed ambience the mall is known for. Also known for a mall with a 'soul', the Shang is a period and season pastime for its patrons, playing host to some of the city's most renowned cultural, underground musical events, premier live concerts and international talent-offering, thus addressing each mall guest's need for leisure pursuits.

Further solidifying the signature Shang lifestyle is the upcoming Shangri-La Plaza mall expansion program, as the mall enters its 21st birthday with such customer-centric transformation that will further distinguish the Shangri-La Plaza experience. The highly anticipated mall expansion is the final piece of the business.

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Indeed, in 20 years and counting, the Shang continues to be the space Filipino's vibrant lifestyle, determination, growing wealth is the nation's greatest chance for greater business and urban pleasure.



A pioneer of many firsts, the Shang continues to define the ultimate lifestyle experience by providing timeless luxury and endless pleasures for mall guests



The Shang is a Mall Lover's Paradise

With a superior mix of offerings and well-defined retail zones, the Shang presents the ultimate lifestyle experience for discerning mall guests

Amidst with many years of experience in the retail arena, Shang-Li Plaza is every mall lover's ultimate oasis. It presents an extensive experience of choice in well-built, one-stop destinations that make every visit to the Shang a truly pleasurable experience, thanks to its various shopping, dining and entertainment options.

With many wide hallways that allow mall guests to move effortlessly through shop windows, and broad walkways that are filled with natural light, shopping at the Shang is an indulgent retail delight that beyond this, what makes the mall truly a one-stop destination are its formal merchandise zones.

Thoughtfully conceptualized and laid out, these iconic zones resemble an overall impressive merchandise zone into specific themed areas that start to reflect lifestyle needs and preferences, allowing mall guests to maximize their visit by enjoying a wide range of options at their convenience.

Indulgences. As the name suggests, offers a premium selection of premium quality exclusive fashion brands, premium jewelry shops, specialty and boutique stores that allow shoppers to indulge in top-of-the-line new fashion items by trendy designer tags to high-end state-of-the-art. Frequently stocked by those who seek premium quality products of fine materials and design, this place is definitely all about indulging oneself to their best shopping pleasures.

A must-visit and must-have place of retail goods, **Good Choices** encompasses a collection of brands and offers apparel, footwear and accessories, including complementary jewelry, watches and personal care products. Here, you can simply find all you need to complete your look, from casual to sophisticated, in relaxed, sophisticated and trendy picks.

Secretly, this land, known as **The Lodge**, where guests can find themselves to discover premium choice from the specialized food options offered in the various dining outlets strategically located to provide them an extraordinary panoramic view of the Grand Avenue. The two-story and Shang Cinema formal seating, offers the ultimate, in being the impressive Shang Digital Cinema, which elevates 3D movie viewing to a new level.

The inspiring and re-inventing facade of the **Shang Chaplin** led to bold lines of blue, red, and yellow provide a visual

promise of the exciting cinematic experience that awaits mall guests. All of the cinema formal seating, offer seating in an unobstructed view of the 2D and 3D screens, coupled with only the best cinema premium experience and personal sound systems. With these cinema hall, are sure to enjoy a movie stream of Hollywood hits, exclusive independent films and cultural masterpieces during one viewing.

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Finally, home at the top and well-ventilated, **The Sit** is a vibrant addition to the Shang's formal destination. It has-up of an open apparel and accessories shops are made available with greater provision, allowing them to provide the best to follow. This happening place becomes all the more fun for adults and kids alike, enjoying the ultimate quest.

With abundant space offering various personalized treats and preferences, making at the Shang makes for a truly fun and fulfilling experience.



An exciting cinematic experience awaits mall guests at the state-of-the-art Shang Chaplin, which houses the cinema, including the impressive Shang Digital Cinema, which elevates 3D movie viewing to a new level.



The large feature showcased food choices from the various dining establishments strategically located to provide them an extraordinary panoramic view of the Grand Avenue.

The metro's most stylish share why the Shang is their preferred lifestyle destination



TOPEL LEE

FLIGHTMASTER
I always make it a point to watch films, especially those that I anticipate, in the Shang Complex. For me, the viewing experience is really a reward to me—it's a continuation of the fun in cinema technology, top-of-the-line amenities and great customer service.



MELA DE LUNA

FRANCHISEE, ECHOS INCORPORATED
What I like most about Shang Plaza is that it houses an array of shops that I really go to. Its well-designed space also makes it easy to move around in, plus it doesn't get crowded that easily. When I get too tired, I can also choose from a selection of coffee shops and restaurants that are conveniently located nearby the mall. It has achieved the perfect balance of shopping and lifestyle.



SASHA JIMENEZ

FRANCHISEE, CHERRY
How long at the Shang because it gives everything I need, like and enjoy within my reach. I find that the way that these brands or shops are grouped together is extremely helpful when I'm looking for something in particular. All in all, whether it's shopping, eating with friends or watching a movie, I come in and go out a happy and satisfied mall goer.



JOAN BITAGOOL

INTERVIEWER
The Shang really is a complete lifestyle destination. I like how it combines the fun of shopping, dining, entertainment, and even spa and cinema. The mall is well laid out with the utmost care and attention.

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The Mall as a Venue for the Arts

The Shang's staunch advocacy paves the way for more people to appreciate culture and the arts

The words 'mall' and 'art' seem to be a strange combination from the onset, and understandably so. After all, the concept of a mall is a venue for the sale of things to many in looking out that serves this very purpose is a rarity.

But what better way is there to bring people closer to the arts than at the mall? The Philippines has a vibrant and prolific artistic community, and there is a definite need to bring art more accessible to the general public and increase their appreciation of it. With this in mind, Shangri-La

Plaza devotes from the concept of a typical mall and incorporates it into an effective platform for displaying culture and the arts.

A staunch advocate of the arts, Shangri-La Plaza, the country's burgeoning artistic accomplishments and the talented individuals behind them. From its inception, it has devoted its entire space to the arts. Shangri-La Plaza's art gallery and sculpture area add to the atmosphere, making it



members for creative discussions, book launches and art events.

In its effort to 'democratize' art and make it accessible to a wider audience, the Shang has forged partnerships with some of the country's most well-known arts and culture groups as well as the diplomatic community, resulting in a year-round series of vibrant events that educate and enrich local, local and local.

"Shangri-La Plaza is a true gem of the arts, having successfully and generously hosted so many events that celebrate European and Filipino art and culture," said Patrick Yuen, President of the Philippine Union of the Philippines, which has partnered with the Shang for such efforts.



The Asian Art Gallery's Yael Steinman adds, "It is great pleasure to work with Shangri-La Plaza in promoting the Asian Art Awards because they share our passion for presenting the arts."

These meaningful support of the contemporary art scene is testament to the power of art to enhance the daily experience of the people.



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Dr. Wellington W. Flores, President of the Philippine Union of the Philippines, adds that the mall should not only be a place for shopping but also a place for cultural appreciation and the arts.



"Only a venue of people frequent cultural events and activities, and though they are the part of our daily lives, there is a need to mark out to other people," he points out. "In a mall setting, particularly in the Shang, we get more diversity and higher foot traffic. Also, since it has built a reputation of being a mall place to hold cultural events for things, movies, even the community crowd go to the Shang for the arts and other relevant occasions."

The French Embassy's Ambassador, Artistic Director, also adds, "The Shang is a true gem of the arts, having successfully and generously hosted so many events that celebrate European and Filipino art and culture."



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Truly, with such a rich lineup of events scheduled through strong partnerships, the Shang successfully represents its role as a staunch patron of art and culture, paving the way for Filipinos to appreciate its many forms and a thriving local environment.

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Hail the OFW Children

By Ruper R. Glones

Growing up without the presence of an overseas-based father, Dean CrisAcabo, a fourth year Chemical Engineering student at Xavier University-Aranas de Cagayan, described his young life as both a "blessing and a curse."



Dean CrisAcabo and host Florida Evangelista with BPPI's Top Outstanding Export Pinoy Children 2014 (from front, Ruelito Bernadino, Ruelito Zamora Jr., Anne Dorcas Domingo, Theresa Grace Bullock, John Pauline Manalo, Dean Cris Acabo, Mark Eden-Elaga, and Jaydenn Andel)

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The father needed to work in South America to support the family, but the absence of his father affected him personally. The toll came with the experience of his parents, and his parents in drink and smoke at a very young age.

But before time got the best of him, he joined a youth group that looked after a Muslim community. There he exposed, raised a deep self-searching that led him back to his mother who was making good at it. It's a consistent theme he believes and now wants to be a good student of his body.

"When 13 years of separation, my parents got back together and still in love the second time around. And I have become a better man," said CrisAcabo. He has his own business, "CrisAcabo" and is "blessing" eventually.

Cris is among the Top Outstanding Export Pinoy Children winners at the hands of the Philippine Ministry (BPPI), belonging to the eight young people who combined the Young Pinoy Talent Award, while two others in OFW children received awards under the Young Pinoy Talent Award and Young Pinoy Talent Award.



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Financial literacy campaign for OFWs

By Joe V. Nolas

The value of economic and financial education as a basis for better decision-making by economic agents and as means of promoting the smooth functioning of the financial markets has long been recognized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Included income earners among the OFWs whose remittances have been regarded as the mainstay of the country's economy remain often do not see economic problems and the effects of the global financial crisis.

To promote financial planning, savings and investment among OFWs and their dependents, the BSP launched in 2008 economic and financial education outreach programs and activities to further strengthen the

BSP's commitment to the promotion of economic and financial education. To date, around 38 local and 13 international meetings have been conducted.

The financial literacy campaign for overseas Filipinos and their beneficiaries, which is organized in coordination with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, aims to educate participants on the importance of making investments to build up savings and allocating these into investments in financial products and business ventures.

Through this literacy initiative, the BSP hopes to help OFWs as well as their beneficiaries achieve financial independence and security by getting them into the fold of the formal financial system, and enable them to participate more meaningfully in the country's economic development.

These financial literacy campaigns are conducted using lectures

and multimedia presentations focusing on topics such as the importance of credit history, financial planning, revenue and risks associated with various financial investments, and ways to protect remittances and savings. Through the FLC, the BSP aims to encourage the productive use of remittances, not only for consumption or spending for basic needs, but also for savings in different forms of financial investments and income-generating activities such as in micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

In its financial literacy campaign for overseas Filipinos, it teaches the importance of credit history, the significance of financial planning, and the types of financial investments in which they can invest in.

The BSP undertakes various bank-related initiatives to improve the remittance convenience and to enhance remittancees' productive undertak-

The financial literacy campaign for overseas Filipinos and their beneficiaries, which is organized in coordination with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, aims to educate participants on the importance of using remittances to build up savings and directing these into investments in financial products and business ventures.

ings. Through these initiatives, the BSP intends to maximize the benefits of remittances aimed at: (1) ensuring the smooth inflow of remittances, and (2) promoting their use for development by channeling them in the financial sector so that these funds can be utilized for lending and other productive activities.

BSP says that remittance can be used to finance household needs, to ensure the supply of foreign exchange, and encourage productive activity through savings, loans, and investments. Taxes paid can also be used to finance education expenses. Remittance can be increased for investment in the form of human resource or capital investments through education and health care for beneficiaries, physical capital investments through acquisition of real estate properties including land purchases and house construction, financial

capital investments through savings in banks and other financial institutions, and investments in business ventures such as in micro and medium enterprises.

With regard to investments, there are three types of financial investments for OFWs: Fixed Income Investments, Equity Investments, and Real Estate Investments. Fixed income investments include government bonds, Treasury bills, and long-term negotiable certificates of deposits. Real estate investments include stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Equity investments include stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Real estate investments include stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Types of investments include life and non-life, pension funds, and educational plans.

7-Eleven launches special investment program for OFWs

RETURNING OVERSEAS Filipino workers who yearn for long-term financial growth in their hometowns now have the chance to finance their own small business investments and become successful entrepreneurs as well as successful consumers near their place.

The special program, according to Frisco Medina, business development manager at Philippine American Group (PAG), allows OFWs to explore their own business opportunities by using their remittances as capital for "investment funds."

"Students have shown that OFWs come with a long-term vision for their hometowns. They are not just looking for a quick return on their investments, but they are looking for a way to improve their quality of life and their families' lives. They are looking for a way to improve their quality of life and their families' lives. They are looking for a way to improve their quality of life and their families' lives."

Medina said that the population of migrants in the Philippines is growing at a rapid pace. As they spread across various countries to the globe, imagine the overall buying power in the country's economy, and imagine the impact of the remittance of the quality of life of OFWs and their families. If their savings or earnings are channelled to finance potentially lucrative alternative business ventures such as a stable convenience store franchise, said Medina.

Apart from the rewarding aspects of running their own 7-Eleven franchise, the newly returning a steady income or profit for them and their loved ones. Medina said that investing their earnings in a stable franchise investment option is a great way of helping the country's local economic development and generate jobs back home.

"By becoming 7-Eleven franchisees through a special franchise program that is simple and proven reliable, OFWs can look forward to a stable and profitable future in the company will turn them into the necessary technical support, financial management, including knowledge and skills training for them to fully understand the trade as they make a successful career in entrepreneurship," he added.

Medina noted that because OFWs are hardworking, successful, confident, reliable and service-oriented, they make great candidates for the 7-Eleven business model. Just like their success of operation, he also added that because of these qualities, along with their flexibility, commitment, discipline, work ethics and sense of responsibility, OFWs possess all the necessary skills to grow the franchise business.

"Since 7-Eleven Franchise is a critical way the OFWs build their future right in their hometown. By investing their hard-earned money in a proven brand that works as hard as they do, they can be sure of a constant partnership that works towards the achievement of a better, more secure future for themselves and their loved ones," said Medina.

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